

FRANCE IS WORRIED OVER GERMAN MOVE

Count de Mun Sees Haughty
Pretextations in von Bieler-
stein Change.

ACTOR AND WRITER CLASH

"Poor Bourget" Writes Gaily
—Many Americans Enter-
tain—Social News.

PARIS, May 18. Every article printed in England this week expressing the opinion that the transfer of Baron von Bielerstein from Constantinople to London cannot affect the solidity of the entente cordiale has been reproduced in France with an insistence which seems to show that there is some anxiety as to what will be the first task of the new German Ambassador. It is believed, however, that it will be to find a means of ending the war between Italy and Germany, so the people here think, leaves the time for the transfer of the Italian Ambassador to the Italian Ambassador.

Count de Mun, the famous head of the Catholic party in France, writes to the papers stating that the nomination of Baron von Bielerstein to Europe, because it is so unusual and so long since anything like it has occurred. The count says:

Instead of the usual discreet silence which envelops such diplomatic movements until the other Government has given its consent, here we have the theatrical effect of a brusque announcement with appropriate orchestration when a confidential diplomat is sent to London to make the Anglo-German accord, which is a most delicate matter. The British War Secretary failed to establish three months ago. Never has a dream of German hegemony been affirmed with greater length and persistence. There is a sort of continental blockade directed at this time against France in this summons to forced friendship. It is a dangerous adventure and the feeling aroused by the sensational method by which it has been made manifest in diplomacy should warn the common Government of the resistance which its haughty pretensions will run against.

To quote an opinion from another political extreme, Jules Janies, the Socialist leader, says:

It appears to me impossible that England will negotiate at the expense of France or will enter into any combination in which our interests, rights and security are sacrificed. There is a single point in the world where France could possibly suffer through a loyal Anglo-German accord. France should not sink over these negotiations but should cooperate for their success.

ACTOR AND PLAYWRIGHT CLASH

A theatrical incident of a nature which has been of absorbing interest to theatergoers has unfolded this week. A letter was published which reads:

"Poor Bourget" in which, finally, the most popular existing actor, Paul Bourget, after withdrawing his permission to allow Gail Gardner to produce the author's play "Marry or Go" in Paris, writes:

I am much more than ever, the author of this play. You yourself have been delighted with my collaboration. I wrote that inventory scene, but when I read it after several rehearsals as not good enough, and yet you published it in the printed version in order to be paid a few more cents.

Gail Gardner claims that he has written much of "Marry or Go" and concludes: "Adieu, Adieu, Bourget."

WOMEN ARE VICTORIES

The examination for admission to the School of Fine Arts in the section of painting proved a feminine victory this year. Miss Charton was placed first and five more women were in the first twelve. Of the 127 admitted it were women, a proportion which was never previously attained.

The female employees of the Ministry of Labor also gained a victory. The Ministry employs three classes of clerks in the department for the supervision of insurance companies. Hitherto women have been admitted only to the lowest of these classes. Men and women were opened access to the second class, and a woman, Miss Charton, won a position as inspector in an open competition this week.

The anonymous, omnivorous American buyer, headless of cost, appears again this week in the exhibition of the sculptor Carpeaux's works. They include a terra cotta reproduction of the group "La Danse" which in marble decorated the exterior of the Opera.

A replica made in 1873, four years after the production of the Opera marble, and the sculptor's realization of his conception, which was considerably modified for the state commission in deference to the

entire raised against the nudity of the figures in the original design. The replica has now been hailed as a masterpiece which ought not to leave the country but ought to find a fitting home in the Louvre.

Now comes Carpeaux's son, who says he has received an American offer which is so magnificent as compared with the income proposed of the state that it would be a pity to turn it down and to refuse it. However, he has made no decision on the matter as yet.

As an indication of the minor difficulties which beset any new Ambassador's first footsteps in the French social world, it may be recorded that a great impression was made in French society by the fact that cards were returned almost without exception within twenty-four hours after they had been paid to the American Embassy.

It is gathered from this that such strict attention to etiquette has hitherto not been observed.

MANY AMERICANS ENTERTAINED

The opening of the Russian ballet season at the Chatelet Theatre on Monday attracted many Americans. The Brodsky-Martin entertained the Earl and Countess of Craven and Lewis Webb in their box.

Miss Gurnee brought to the Ritz for her dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Starr, Mrs. Weiss and Mrs. John Munroe. Elliott Gregory accompanied his aunt, Admiral Baldwin's widow.

Mrs. Hamilton Carey gave a dinner last Monday at the Ritz for Mrs. W. J. Emery and her family, the Hon. Alfred Anson, who has five sons who are duchesses. The guests included Mrs. Hermann Oudens, Mrs. Elsie Dyer and Frederick Townsend Martin.

Mrs. Henry Chews dined with Mrs. Slater and Miss Glenn of Washington. Another dinner party included Mr. and Mrs. John Kane, Robert Winthrop and Henry Sands.

Mrs. Charles Alexander has arrived and will soon open her little house on the Avenue de Bois de Boulogne, where she will entertain exclusively for a month. Then she will go to London.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton, after a season in California, arrived at their Paris apartments.

Mrs. James Burton is at the Majestic Hotel. Mrs. Thompson gave a luncheon party on Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Munroe, Mr. and Mrs. Kane, Robert Winthrop, Henry Sands and Frederick Townsend Martin.

Mrs. John Munroe gave a luncheon during the week to J. Pierpont Morgan.

DEWEES TAKE MANSION

The Charney, Mitchell Dewees have taken the Marquise del Drago's mansion on the Rue Bassano. They gave a large dinner there which was followed by a musicale in honor of Ambassador and Mrs. Herrick.

The guests included the Comtesse de Pourtales, the Duchesse d'Albion, Mme. Waddington, M. and Mme. Jules Cambon, Gen. d'Alen, the Serbian Minister, the Comte and Comtesse de Rougemont, Count Boni de Castellane, M. and Mme. Pierre de Fompeyrie, Mrs. J. J. Emery, Mrs. Joseph Stuckey, Mrs. Hermann Delorme, the Comtesse and Comte de Rosier, Mr. and Mrs. Gervey, Henry de Baudry and Eugene Higgins, Mme. Wladyslawski and M. Franz sang.

Ambassador and Mrs. Herrick will be entertained by Mrs. Galsworthy Gray, Mrs. John Munroe and Miss Gurnee within a fortnight.

Genevieve Farrar and her mother and Mrs. Elliott started for Berlin on Thursday on an automobile tour. Dr. Foster has returned to New York.

C. A. Ellis tells the correspondent of The Sun that Eugene Padewski has abandoned his proposed visit to the United States in 1912. He will probably go across in 1913 or 1914.

Farmly Herrick and his wife, the son and daughter-in-law of the Ambassador, sailed for New York today on the France.

Mrs. William Sprague has arrived and taken up her residence in her beautiful apartment on the Rue de la Pompe.

Mr. Goodspeed and his mother, Mrs. William Goodspeed, sailed on the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria at a brief visit to Paris in their old personal friends, the Ambassador and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin M. Young and other prominent Ohioans have also been here.

At the house musicale on Wednesday, Francis MacMillen and Raoul Pugno played.

Mrs. Hugh Pratt gave a tea on Friday.

Mrs. Anna Morgan is visiting Miss Elizabeth Marbury at the latter's cottage at Versailles.

The Harrington Wilsons have been in Paris visiting old friends.

Gov. John A. Dix is in Baden Baden for a considerable visit.

The T. M. Vails are at the Hotel Westminster.

Theodore Myers sails for New York on the Mauretania.

Warner Lewis is on the Océan.

Among those taking the cars at Vichy are Mrs. L. Delonay-Hamovoy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams, Louis Rodmond, Mrs. and Misses Schall, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bogart, Mrs. Joseph Pulitzer, Mrs. F. D. Pellon, Mr. and Mrs. Aston Potter, A. A. Blaque, W. H. Goudy, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kind and Lord Rosbery.

PORTRAIT BY RAE BURN SOLD FOR \$106,000



"Portrait of Mrs. Hay"—By Sir H. Raeburn.

Here is the picture by Sir H. Raeburn, dress, cut low at the neck, and with long sleeves; a pale blue waistband, fastened with a bow; her hair powdered and covered by a pale blue cap. She is seated slightly to the left on a green chair, her hands joined and resting on her lap. The background shows foliage and landscape.

The painting is 48 1/2 by 38 1/2 inches. Mrs. Hay, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Robinson, was married in 1784 to Major-General Andrew Hay of Montblair.

It shows her in a white muslin dress, cut low at the neck, and with long sleeves; a pale blue waistband, fastened with a bow; her hair powdered and covered by a pale blue cap. She is seated slightly to the left on a green chair, her hands joined and resting on her lap. The background shows foliage and landscape.

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STUDY INDIAN DIALECTS.

Norwegian Explorers Use Phonography in Making Records.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

CHRISTIANIA, May 18. The explorers Christian Leden and Harald Thaulow have just returned here from an expedition to northern Canada, which was undertaken with the object of collecting phonographic records of the folk songs of the various Indian tribes and comparing them with those obtained in earlier expeditions to the Eskimos with the view of establishing how far was their common origin.

The largest tribe visited was the Cree, who number over 20,000. Their chief, Mantongik, was at first hostile, but after a few presents of tobacco and glass beads and after having been told that the explorers had been sent by the King of Norway to make his tribe famous he became more amenable to the wishes of the explorers.

Leden will go in the fall to Greenland for further investigation in the spring of 1913, and a long final exploration of north-west Canada which will extend for three years. He will visit tribes that have never been in contact with the whites.

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QUITS BAPTISMAL FONT AT MENTION OF KING

American Archbishop Leaves
Ceremony in Rome to
Avoid Politics.

AFTERNOON TEA HABIT

Italy's Capital Is in Its Clutch
—Gail Gardner to Sing in
Perugia.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
ROME, May 18. Archbishop Ruffini, Bishop of Jersey City, is the only Roman Catholic prelate of America residing in Rome besides Bishop Kennedy, the rector of the American College. He counts many friends among the "White" or "Grand" luminaries. He attended the christening of Capt. Marini's baby the other day. The presence of an Archbishop in his full robes increased the solemnity of the function, which was held in the parish church of Santa Maria in Via, which was crowded with prominent officials and officers of Marini's regiment who were in full uniform.

Marini insisted that his son should be named after the King and when the officiating clergyman repeated the name Victor Emmanuel and the officers sprang to "Attention!" Archbishop Ruffini realized that the ceremony was assuming a national character. In order to be on the safe side and lest he should be accused of a breach of Vatican etiquette he left the church before the christening was over and declined an invitation to the reception which followed.

ROME ADOPTS "AFTERNOON TEA"

Afternoon teas are becoming a characteristic of the Roman social season. They were introduced by American and English residents and are patronized by visiting foreigners. Their number and importance afford an indication of the season's success. When these teas started they were practically limited to automobile parties, but now they have become popular affairs and have been abandoned and tramways patronized.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller, the oldest American residents of Rome, have just celebrated the fifty-first anniversary of their marriage and the fortieth of their residence here.

Mr. and Mrs. Laight, who have lived in Rome for three years, have given in their apartment and are returning to Salem, Mass., to live.

Leut. Sherman Miles, U. S. A., who has been appointed Military Attaché at Bucharest, has been in Rome for a few days on his way to his new post.

GAIL GARDNER'S DEBUT

The American lyric soprano Gail Gardner of Michigan, who has spent the last three seasons in Rome, will make her debut early in June in Perugia in the Merlachi Theatre in the role of *Mimi* in "La Bohème." Yesterday she sang at a soirée given by the Countess di Frasso, formerly Georgiana Wild of St. Louis, an old schoolmate of hers. After her debut and when she finishes her engagement of eight performances, she will go to Naples, where she will probably sign another contract to sing at the San Carlos Theatre there in the fall. For three years she was a soloist at the Church of the Ascension. By hard study she changed the timbre of her voice from that of a contralto to a lyric soprano.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who have prolonged their stay in Rome, are still doing the sights and taking morning excursions into the country.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Robb, who have just returned to Rome, will return in 1912 for a prolonged stay, when Mrs. Robb will take up painting in the studio of Aristide Sartorio.

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"MARRY OR GO"

Ultimatum to Bachelor Tenants in Ireland Brings Quick Results.

DUBLIN, May 6. "Marry or go" was the ultimatum recently delivered by the Dunshaughlin County Meath District Council to the bachelor tenants of its cottages. Four weddings have already resulted in the district, and there are hopes of many others.

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